



# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### Domestic Violence Panel Discussion



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### BEFORE THE BELL



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John & Patti Blount  
for "Learn With Me" program



Mark McDonell, CPA



Snoopy and Woodstock on the dog house welcomed today's Rotarians. Our wonderful sponsors of Sebastopol Rotary appeared on the screen.

**Foundation Month:** Raffle with prizes on Dec 6. Each ticket is \$20 with six tickets for \$100. Next Friday, Nov 20, is Pedaling for PolioPlus. Stationary bikes, led by **Bob Rogers** will be there. Bring your wallets, support Polio Plus, and get raffle tickets. It will be a fun way to raise money to defeat polio. Prizes include wine, restaurant gift certificates, Paul Harris Fellow points, and more. Need not be present to win.



### AT THE BELL



**President Keller McDonald** rang the bell at 12:15PM for the start of the meeting.

**Jim Passage** was called on to lead us in the salute to Old Glory.

**Rick Wilson** led us in song with the fine tune, "Money", recorded by the Beatles in 1963. The sound system fought back, and members covered their ears. Any harmony ran out the door!



**Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234**

## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

November 22 2019

David Still - Comprehensive  
Immigration Reform  
A History Lesson

November 29, 2019

DARK for Thanksgiving

December 6 2019

Analy Choir

December 13, 2019

District Governor Flamson

December 20, 2019

Kristen Madsen – Creative Sonoma

## 🍎 Events 🍎

**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
DECEMBER 14, 2019

**TROPICAL ESCAPE**  
JANUARY 25, 2020

**CRAB FEED**  
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

## 🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–[JackEDunlap@gmail.com](mailto:JackEDunlap@gmail.com)

On-line Make-Ups:

[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

**sebastopolrotary.com**



The Thought for the Day from **David Still** gave everyone pause. It was from “It could be Worse” file:

66 million years ago, an asteroid hit the earth surface near Yucatan. It formed a fiery cloud of debris that rose into the sky halfway to the moon. Some of the materials ended up on the moons of Jupiter. Something to think about. (Like did some form of earth life reach those moons?)

## 🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Wyn Spiller, current District 5190 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, and Chair of the 2019 Rotary Institute in Denver. Judge Jim Bertoli, one of today’s speakers, Anni, our Rotary Exchange student from Finland, Jeanie O’Neill, a friend of **Katy Spyrka’s**, and Madeleine Keegan O’Connell from the YWCA, also one of today’s speakers. Also introduced was Mete Senocak, and **Bud Daviero’s** better half, **Sharon**.







## 🍏 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍏

**President Keller** announced that District Governor Kathy Flamson's visit will be on December 13. All hands on deck!!!

***Tropical Escape*** has been rescheduled to January 25. If you have yet to purchase tickets, buy them now! The ***Crab Feed*** is February 8. Ticket sales will open in early December. Tickets to these awesome events make great stocking stuffers!

The **holiday party** will be Dec 14 at **Jim and Rosemarie Pacatte's** home on Watertrough Road. All the details are in the back of this week's AppleKnocker.

**President Keller** recognized the AppleKnocker Editors and the Photographer Corps for the great job they do year in and year out to bring you the AppleKnocker. It's not an easy job, and we are grateful for their diligence .

## 🍏 RECOGNITIONS 🍏



**Dan Rasmus** celebrated his birthday by contemplating how great Rotary is and how wonderful Keller is as a president. A few snickers erupted from the crowd with comments. Anyway, he went out to dinner with his family.

**Jack Blasco** was on the trail again. He was in New York City where he toured the Late Show set and pretended to audition as a substitute guest host. Looks like he had fun. Then **Jack** went on to Cape Cod for the Oyster Festival.





**Greg and Kathi Jacobs** traveled to Italy and visited Villefrance, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Florence, Siena, Montepulciano, Orvieto and Tende.

**President Keller** related some of the events that happened to him during the last week. Something about frozen Windows and taking a hammer to a computer. On another note, his car was dead this morning and he was hoping it started after the meeting. Did the car start? Wondering minds want to know.

The silent auction items that needed to be sold were auctioned off. **Steve Zilovich** and **Cindy Carter** were the successful bidders for two of the items.



## 🍎 RAFFLE 🍎



**Bob Rogers** won the draw for the chance to draw a black ball and donated the cash to PolioPlus.

## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

**A conversation on domestic violence presented by Stephen Zollman, Program Chair.** **Bob Boyd** introduced the first speaker, Judge Jim Bertoli, head of Sonoma County Domestic Court. Judge Bertoli explained that he set the domestic violence calendar for the County. He also said he was a singer in a country band, "Courting Disaster". He is also an Analy High graduate.

Judge Bertoli explained that domestic violence is handled in the court system in two different cases: criminal and civil. Judge Bertoli takes care of the civil end. The family law division can issue restraining orders that can include children, new boyfriend, parents, in-laws and anyone else connected to the case. He can issue an immediate three weeks temporary restraining order.



This includes orders giving exclusive use of property – home and autos. Also includes surrender of firearms, child custody and no visitation.

There has been an increase in cases in 2019. There were 318 applications for restraining orders in 2018. As of October 31 of this year, there have been 567 applications. He said that part of the reason was the 2017 fires and the after affects. But he also said the other reason was a lack of civil discourse over the last two years in the entire nation. People have been given to be violent in the current climate.

Four out of 5 victims are women. Of those applying for protection, 9 out of 10 are women. There is a specialty court for criminal complaints. They handle cases that are part of a guilty plea. This is a three year supervised by the court program. It can be reissued for another five years and an additional five years or forever.



Madeleine Keegan O'Connell, Executive Director of the YWCA was the second speaker. She showed a video of a mother with three children who ended up at the YWCA safe house, which has 32 beds. The mother was a victim of physical violence from the father of her children. She used the services of the YWCA for victims of domestic violence. With therapy and counseling for her and her children, and help from Burbank Housing who provides rental help for victims of domestic violence, and help from the Sonoma County courts, she has a safe place for her and her children.

Safety is the #1 concern at the YWCA. During the evacuations in October, all 32 residents of the safe house were evacuated and returned. The YWCA now also includes safety training on evacuating including what to put in a go bag. After the evacuation, the hot lines were lit up 24/7. The hotline number is 707-546-1234. Domestic violence happens in all classes.



### **THE FINAL BELL**



With that, **President Keller** brought the meeting to a close at 1:30PM sharp. Rumors abound that **Past President Larry Ford** will be taking the reins next week. Please pray to the Power Point Gods now!



### **THE FINAL BELL**



While the hard working staff of the AppleKnocker strive for nothing less than perfection, something, now and then, falls through the cracks. Last week, we misnamed **Yvette Williams Van Aggelen's** guest. Her guest was Gabe Calvin.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS



### **NOVEMBER 22, 2019: David Still, Comprehensive Immigration Reform. A History Lesson**

Some say we need Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Some say we don't. Some have no idea what Comprehensive Immigration Reform is. And most people don't realize that we did this once before. Yes, in 1986 the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) became law. It was a well thought out compromise package that was negotiated by both parties and signed by President Ronald Reagan. The perceived problems were the same then as now – the solutions considered “a balanced approach.” So what went wrong?

David Still was head of the adjudications division of the San Francisco INS District in 1986 and was right in the middle of all of it. He will give a history lesson about the valiant attempt to fix a problem and why it went off the rails.



## SEBASTOPOL ROTARY CLUB

2019

### HOLIDAY PARTY

It's time to celebrate with your Rotarian friends and family!  
Bring a date & enjoy tons of holiday cheer!!

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019  
6 – 9 pm

Where: Jim and Rosemarie Pacatte's  
Sebastopol, California 95472

Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share.

Drinks will be provided for all to enjoy. Dress is casual.

Parking is limited; please try to carpool.

RSVP: Cindy Carter at [cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com](mailto:cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com) or 408-431-7820 (cell phone)



# Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – November 12, 2019

## President's Report to the Club for November 2019

### Fellow Club Members and Friends,

The past few weeks have been quite a roller coaster ride! Power outages, evacuations, a heroic stand by firefighters to save an entire town - and perhaps much of West County - and the postponement of our fall fundraiser! But the "Service Above Self" spirit drives us forward toward bigger and better things!

Rotary District 5130, which encompasses the north coast from Petaluma to the Oregon border, has a Disaster Relief Fund dedicated to helping those impacted by the recent fire and other disasters. Club members and community members may go to [Rotary5130.org](https://Rotary5130.org) to contribute by credit card, PayPal or check.

We've rescheduled **Tropical Escape** to Saturday, January 25, 5-10 PM at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. The Crab Feed will follow on Saturday, February 8 at the Holy Ghost Hall. With some hard work and enthusiasm, we'll make both of the events huge successes that fuel the many service activities that are at the heart of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol!

Please make sure to put these important dates on your calendar:

- Fri., Nov. 29**    **DARK – no club meeting**
- Fri., Dec. 6**    **Raffle at club meeting for Foundation / Polio Plus donors**
- Fri., Dec. 13**    **DG Kathy's visits our club ... all members are urged to attend**
- Sat., Dec. 14**    **Club Holiday Party**
- Fri., Dec. 27**    **DARK – no club meeting**
- Fri., Jan. 3**    **DARK – no club meeting**
- Sat., Jan. 25**    **Tropical Escape**
- Sat., Feb. 8**    **Crab Feed**

Thanks for making the Rotary Club of Sebastopol a positive force in our community and world!

Rotary connects the world, and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol connects us!

**Keller McDonald**

**Rotary Club of Sebastopol President, 2019-20**



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## CLUB ACTIVITIES – ELLEN HARRINGTON, DIRECTOR:



**APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Dan Rasmus, Chair)** – The Committee is established & plans will be forthcoming later on. **Dan & Aleia Coate** have agreed to work on the float project together. No current updates.

**DEBUNKING (Ellen Harrington, Chair)** – The Committee is itching to get going on a quality program & tribute for this year's debunking. Venue selection is in the wings. Keep watching this spot!

**FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Cindy Carter-Flamm, Chair)** – **Cindy** is planning friendship dinners for March 2020. No current updates.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka, Aleia Coate, Co-Chairs)** – The great Golf team has set the event where all club members will be able to attend. The event will take place May 21st at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio. Like our club picnic, this event will pay for itself, & the cost will be \$30/person. We will be doing a BBQ that the restaurant will provide. A beverage cart will also be available. No current updates.

**HAPPY HOUR / FIRST FRIDAY (Aldean Noethig, Chair)** – The next event will be announced soon.

**HOLIDAY PARTY (CLUB) (Cindy Carter-Flamm, Chair)** – We think we have the venue for our holiday party. The event has been rescheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. All will be informed once the venue is confirmed.

**PAST PRESIDENT DAY (CLUB) (Harry Polley, Chair)** – **Harry** has some ideas, & discussion is taking place to fit this in. No current updates.

**PICNIC (CLUB) (David Still, Bob Cugini, Co-Chairs)** – I have ideas on cutting costs for next year's picnic.

**SUPER BOWL BOARD (Aleia Coate, Torrey Olson, Co-Chairs)** – **Aleia & Torrey** have discussed this coming year's SB Board & are looking forward to running it again. No current updates.

**VETERAN'S DAY (Mike Ferguson, Chair)** – **Mike** has great plans for this year's celebration. The program will have happened when everyone reads this update. [It happened. See *The AppleKnocker*. -Ed.]



## CLUB SERVICE – PATRICK DIRDEN, DIRECTOR:

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**NANCY DWYER**, Chair) – No report this month.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair) – No report this month.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – The A/V group had a consult with the Community Center regarding suggestions and recommendations for a multi-purpose sound, light, and video systems installation as part of their remodel.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Pam Graber**, Chair) – I've made 48 birthday calls so far. Some of them are messages left on recorders, and the others I got to chat with live. All good.

GREETERS (**Rick Wilson**, Chair) – No report this month.

HISTORY (CLUB) / ARCHIVAL (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – No report this month.

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreiber**, Chair; Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – Membership reports one new prospective member....

PHOTOGRAPHY (AK) (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – All photographers are place for the duration of **President Keller's** reign of terror!

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair; Subcommittees: PRINT/RADIO, TV AD MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE) – No report this month.

SCRIBE (AK) COMMITTEE (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – Scribes are fully scheduled until the end of the year.

SECRETARY SUPPORT (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) – No report this month.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair; Subcommittee: Song Leaders (**Jeff Boal**, Chair) – No report this month.

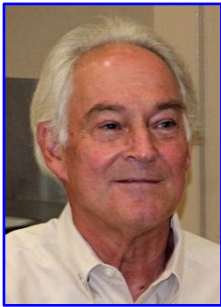
SPEAKERS, WEEKLY (**Jørgen Holst**, Chair) – No new report this month but recall we had to move DG Kathy Flanson to December, but it all seems to work out.

SUNSHINE (**Mark Fink**, Chair) – No report this month.

TREASURER SUPPORT (**KEN JACOBS**, Chair) – Nothing new this month.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – SCOTT BRIGGS, DIRECTOR:



NO NEW REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA THIS MONTH. SHOWN IS OCTOBER REPORT.

COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Linda Johnson**, Chair) – Committee work will start in December.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – No new developments to report.

CRAB FEED (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair; **Scott Briggs**, Secretary; **Nao Noguchi**, Secretary) – Chairs are busy lining up all the key players for the 2020 event. We plan on opening ticket sales in late November/early December.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS (**Stephen Zollman**, Chair) – As noted in September, this Committee is holding regular monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month, right after our regular meetings. The DV panel on Nov 15th will feature a sitting domestic violence judge and Anal graduate, Judge Bertoli and the YWCA exec director, who has spoken to the club previously. The Committee is actively searching to find ways to support Anal's Boys sports project, either financially or with in kind donations. It is also exploring ways to tap into the social emotional learning resources at our schools.

LEARN TO SWIM (**Rick Wilson**, **Greg Jacobs**, Co-Chairs) – All the past participating schools have checked in and are on board for next year's LTS, which starts April 20, 2020.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco**, Chair) – Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant Fall application period opened September 15 and will close on October 15. Fifteen applications have been received to date. Meeting to select Fall grant recipients has been scheduled for November 5.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (**Henry Alker**, Chair) – Nothing new to report other than finalization of Committee membership.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (**Ellen Harrington**, **Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – Our team has garnered multiple sponsors at various levels for the entire 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Sponsorship levels are as follows: Platinum @ \$5,000 – 1; Gold @ \$2,500 – 2; Silver @ \$1,000 – 2; Bronze @ \$500 – 2

One of the \$1K level sponsorships is earmarked for a specific program. The remainder are sponsoring our general quality programs. We have a couple of other potential sponsors pending. We have committed areas of recognition to our sponsors, & we look forward to enjoying our partnerships with them this year.

SUPER PLAYGROUND PROJECT (**Keller McDonald**, Chair) – Our tamale sale fundraiser with Sebastopol Sunrise is coming to a close. We have about 600 tamales still to sell as frozen 3-packs at various locations around town. We've raised over \$25,000 and will be working with Sebastopol Sunrise on a plan to reach our goal of \$30,000. We'll be looking for hands-on volunteers this spring and working closely with City of Sebastopol staff to disassemble the existing structure and install new borders, bark and landscaping after the new play structure is installed.

TROPICAL ESCAPE FALL FUNDRAISER (**Mia Del Prete**, Event General Chair) – The Fundraiser Committee has been meeting regularly in preparation of the upcoming Fundraiser. The Live Auction Committee has put together an amazing and some new Live Auction Items. The Silent Auction Committee is working hard to gather items for Silent Auction which will include some new items. There will be five specialty wine tables for only \$150/person. Winery representative will provide the wine and provide a special experience for the guests. Anyone interested will need to sign up for the table asap, as they are going fast. This year we will have entertainment by Taimalietane Islands of Polynesia. The Committee will be meeting again on September 30 to work on the remaining details.

## VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – JØRGEN HOLST, DIRECTOR:



Career Fair at Analý High (**TBA**, Chair, if Analý has event) – No news since last month, awaiting developments at school.

COOL KIDS CAMP (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – Karen Daniels, Steve Beck, Tom Boag and Robin Maybury attended the Cloverleaf Ranch Open House on 04Oct19.

District 5130 sent 31 kids to camp this (2019) year.

Many clubs (including our own) have accepted chair's proposal that we increase our donation per Cool Kid to \$700 for camp in 2020. This is designed to ensure Cloverleaf Ranch do not impact their bottom line because it costs them \$700 to have one attendee at camp.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreibman**, **Tim Moore**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Richard Power**, **Larry Ford**, Co-Chairs) – **Larry** has reached out to schools and initiated the process to ensure we don't experience a repeat of last year's lack of enthusiasm. [repeat]

INTERACT (ANALÝ, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Analý - **Jordan Burns** has joined our committee. They are volunteering at the food bank November 19th. Working on a middle school dance, date TBD. Would like to get on the schedule to run a Rotary club meeting. We need to talk to **Keller**. They will be receiving bicycles as a donation and are deciding how they will give them out. Maybe reach out to elementary schools and do a Secret Santa program. In addition to participating in the adopt a family, they voted to spend \$1,500 on gift cards to go to the residents at Green Acres and TLC. This is from their budget and separate from the 'Adopt a Family' money from club.

Brook Haven -- They have just completed a raffle for a yearbook and will use the money raised to provide yearbooks for students that can't afford them. They will be going to Apple Valley Hospital and making Thanksgiving centerpieces for the tables. They are also planning a canned food drive.

Twin Hills - They just finished "Soctober". They collected 278 pairs of socks and will donate them to SAY. They had crazy sock day for the entire school to promote the cause. TH will make fleece blankets at their next meeting and will donate them to the women and children at The Living Room.

All three Interacts are excited for the Adopt a Family project on December 14th. Great kids! Great projects!!

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – The Adopt a Family project is scheduled for Saturday December 14th. No new news.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag**, **David Schreibman**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, Co-Chairs) – We understand that student applications are being written by three El Molino and three Laguna HS students. Analý, unfortunately, has none so far. The previous Analý Career Center/Scholarship Counselor recently left and has been replaced by Paula Bush – who transferred from another district role but has had some OOA experience. The present teachers' strike at all three schools is causing us a lot of concern and means that we will probably have to adjust the schedule for obtaining applications, reviewing them, and choosing the participants. As soon as the strike is over, **David Schreibman** and **Tom Boag** will see the new Analý HS Principal, Shauna Ferdinandson in order to reach out to all school teachers.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (**Cindy Carter-Flamm**, Chair) – **Cindy Carter-Flamm** will chair, committee to be put together, the activity scheduled for next summer at Westminster Woods.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Scott Briggs**, Chair) – No new news.

TRADE PATHS (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – No new news.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Aleia Coate**, **Jackie Moreira**, **Katy Spyрка**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report since last month.

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) - Each week there are 24 tutors, working 30.5 tutoring hours, serving 51 students 1-to-1, by working with small groups in a kindergarten and a 3rd/4th grade classroom. There are three Rotarian associates including current (**Lu Frazier**), former (**Bill Cole**, M.D.), and a spouse (**Susan**, wife of **Dewey Watson**, Sunrise member) The three tutors volunteer 2x each week. Most tutors work 1-on-1 with the same 2 or 3 students, weekly, throughout the year. 2 tutors assist 3 hours per week in classrooms. At teachers' direction they run small groups and tutor students.

Division of students:

Grade Level	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
# Students	11	9	9	11	11

All 12 teachers participate in Rotary's LWM tutoring, and the teachers select program focus for each student. Tutors are matched with students based on skills, interests and schedules. Primary focus of sessions are: Early Literacy (19 students), Reading Practice & Language Arts Assignments (19 students), Math support (2 students), and Mixed: LA/Math Assignments (11 students).

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – BUD DAVEIRO, DIRECTOR:

PROGRAMMA DE Becas (**Dorothy Rodella**, Chair) – **Dorothy Rodella**, Chair, is putting together a short presentation to the Club for mid-November. **Bob Rogers** is in contact with Mexico and we will report at a later date. [repeat]

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Ruthie Dunlap**, **Lu Frazier**, Co-Chairs) – The Foundation is off and running. It is Foundation month, and we are collecting pledges to the Foundation. [repeat]

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (Chair: **Bob Rogers**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

